

	1	2	3	4	5
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist	2424	1150	588	562	1886
Physician	2424	1131	645	486	1883
Paediatrician	2424	858	526	332	1898

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**1340. SHRI PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI:  
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:**

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is one of the few countries suffering most from desertification as per the recent report of the United Nations Environment Programme
- (b) whether according to the report, India will become a water scarce country by 2025;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the situation?

**THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES  
(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) :** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per Global Environment Outlook (GEO) report (1997) of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the countries suffering most from desertification are China, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Pakistan and India. India is among the countries projected to fall into the Water-stress category by 2025 A.D. when the fresh water availability is expected to fall below 1,000 cubic metres per capita per year.

(d) Keeping in view the future needs of water, the Government has taken various policy and programme initiatives. These include adoption of National Water Policy (1987), preparation of National Perspectives for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit areas, promotion of efficient and economic use of water for various purposes implementation of centrally sponsored command area Development programme and conservation and augmentation of water resources through Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Afforestation programmes etc.

**Life Line Hospital Scheme**

**1341. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new scheme on the pattern of "Life Line Hospital Scheme"
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the States in which this scheme is

likely to be implemented?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL  
SHERVANI):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Staff in Indian Missions Abroad**

**1342. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of employees posted at various countries, embassy-wise, mission-wise as on date; and
- (b) the criteria adopted by the Ministry for posting its employees outside the country and in India?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL):** (a) A statement showing the approved strength of Indian Missions/Posts abroad, both India based and local staff, covered under the Ministry of External Affairs latest sanction is at Annexure 'A'. The actual number of employees occupying these posts on any particular date may vary from the approved strength because of transfers, short term vacancies and other reasons.

(b) Officials are posted to Missions abroad and to various offices of the Ministry of External Affairs in India on the basis of their relevant seniority, suitability and experience for a particular assignment, keeping in mind the principle of rotation.

**Statement**

**Approved Strength of Operative Missions/Posts Abroad**

Sl. No.	Mission/Posts	Sanctioned Strength
1	2	3
<b>A. Missions/Special Missions</b>		
1.	Abidjan	12
2.	Abu Dhabi	48
3.	Accra	34
4.	Addis Ababa	27
5.	Algiers	22
6.	Almaty	24
7.	Amman	16
8.	Ankara	26
9.	Antananarivo	18
10.	Ashgabat	17
11.	Athens	18
12.	Baghdad	46
13.	Bahrain	34